

Week Ending: June 2, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 2, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included planting sorghum, soybeans and harvesting wheat and hay. Rainfall in most areas of the state has improved the prospects for crops, hay and grazing crops. More rain will be needed soon to prevent additional stress to crops and pastures. Soil moisture is 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 13% surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Emerged	100	100	100	89	0	7	27	54	12
	Silked	5	1	11	6					
Cotton	Planted	100	99	99	92	0	2	14	57	27
	Emerged	99	97	95	85					
	Squaring	31	3	16	11					
Rice	Planted	100	100	100	84	0	5	18	55	22
	Emerged	100	99	98	76					
Sorghum	Planted	96	94	96	80	1	11	25	42	21
	Emerged	90	83	91	73					
Soybeans	Planted	93	84	75	49	0	4	22	53	21
	Emerged	84	70	65	40					
Wheat	Mature	73	50	83	75	1	5	23	54	17
	Harvested	9	1	18	12					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	86	80	82	---	4	17	33	42	4
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	13	10	16	---					
Peaches	Harvested	8	0	3	12	77	9	10	4	0
Peanuts	Planted	97	96	99	77	0	1	16	75	8
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	24	14	32	41					
Watermelons	Planted	99	92	95	92	1	4	22	68	5
Blueberries						26	43	23	8	0
Cattle						2	13	26	52	7
Pasture						9	15	35	35	6

County Agent Comments

"One-inch rainfall received Monday diverted an early crop disaster. Cotton, corn, soybeans, pastures, and sweet potato beds look 100% better after the rain. Weed control chemicals failed during the drought. Clean up operations of escaped weeds is underway. Sweet potato planting is underway. More rain will be needed soon to prevent crop stress and yield reductions."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"About 80% of the county got an inch of rain early in the week, but the other 20% did not get a drop. Pastures needed the rain to start growing again. We had probably 50% winter kill in the pastures this year."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

"Much-needed rain came last week that improved crops tremendously. We are too wet to get in the fields now, but soybean planting will continue at a rapid pace when field conditions permit. Corn is looking good."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"The bad weather at the beginning of the week left fields with standing water. Some corn was flattened by the wind but is recovering rapidly. More hay than usual is being cut."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

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Weather Summary From May 27, 1996 to June 2, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	61	76	75	+1	2.00	+0.98	3	3.85	86	68	78	0.25
Cleveland	99	59	78			2.17		3	3.54				
Tunica	93	57	74	74	+1	1.43	+0.40	2	3.68	90	73	81	
Extreme/Average	99	57	76	74	+2	1.87	+0.84	3	3.69	90	68	80	0.25
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	90	54	73	71	+2	4.74	+3.63	3	7.09	89	67	77	0.26
Memphis	89	60	73	75	-1	4.09	+3.00	4	7.36				
Oxford	92	55	75	71	+3	3.76	+2.66	3	4.67				
Extreme/Average	92	54	74	72	+1	4.20	+3.10	3	6.37	89	67	77	0.26
3. Northeast													
Booneville	90	57	72	72	+1	3.19	+1.91	3	4.01				
Corinth	96	58	75	73	+2	3.37	+2.45	3	5.16				
Iuka	91	52	72			2.78		3	3.95				
Pontotoc	92	57	74	72	+2	1.89	+0.58	3	2.95	97	70	80	0.26
Tupelo	89	57	73	73	-0	2.81	+1.88	4	3.46				
Verona	96	58	75			1.72		3	2.22	91	66	77	0.25
Extreme/Average	96	52	73	72	+1	2.64	+1.50	3	3.63	97	66	79	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Balzoni	94	59	75	75	-1	7.70	+6.56	4	8.69	96	76	86	
Greenwood	93	60	77	75	+2	1.13	-0.03	2	1.82				
Rolling Fork	97	61	78			2.33	+1.45	3	3.47	107	78	89	0.17
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	92	60	77	75	+2	4.63	+3.72	3	5.85				
Extreme/Average	97	59	77	75	+1	3.95	+2.93	3	4.96	107	76	88	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	93	56	76	74	+3	2.89	+2.04	2	3.33				
Jackson	92	57	77	75	+2	1.03	-0.01	4	1.57				
Winona	88	53	70	71	-1	1.68	+0.70	2	2.02				
Extreme/Average	93	53	74	73	+1	1.87	+0.91	3	2.31				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	96	63	78			1.65	+0.80	3	1.65				
Columbus	93	58	74			2.47		3	2.47				
State University	93	57	74	74	+0	1.09	+0.05	1	1.11	105	68	84	
Extreme/Average	96	57	75	74	+2	1.74	+0.79	2	1.74	105	68	84	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	61	77			3.48		3	4.05	94	73	83	
Natchez	92	64	78	78	+1	2.54	+1.48	2	4.24				
Oakley	92	60	76			3.05	+2.07	3	3.42	94	71	82	
Vicksburg	91	67	79			2.20		3	3.35				
Extreme/Average	93	60	78	78	-0	2.82	+1.80	3	3.77	94	71	83	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	61	78	76	+2	2.67	+1.74	3	2.75				
McComb	95	62	77	75	+2	2.47	+1.04	3	2.47				
Extreme/Average	95	61	78	75	+2	2.57	+1.39	3	2.61				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	96	60	78			0.90		4	0.90	96	70	83	
Hattiesburg	96	63	79	76	+3	1.15	+0.09	2	1.32				
Laurel													
Meridian	94	56	75	75	+1	3.37	+2.66	5	3.40				
Newton	95	55	76	73	+3	1.38	+0.64	2	1.43	96	66	79	0.21
Extreme/Average	96	55	77	75	+3	1.70	+0.86	3	1.76	96	66	81	0.21
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	91	65	79			3.83		2	4.24				
Biloxi	91	67	81			5.59		3	5.63				
Gulfport	92	65	81	78	+3	8.25	+7.49	3	8.61				
Pascagoula	87	60	78	78	-0	0.83		1	1.41				
Poplarville	95	62	79	76	+2	0.62	-0.11	2	0.76	98	69	84	0.29
Extreme/Average	95	60	79	77	+2	3.83	+3.08	2	4.13	98	69	84	0.29
State	99	62	76	75	+2	2.72	+1.72	3	3.50	107	66	82	0.25

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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